



EGGSTRAVAGANZA TO DESCEND ON HISTORIC AREA!

FROGS! SPIDERS! CHICKENS! SNAKES! BIRDS! All of these wonderful animals hatch from eggs, and Claude Moore Park's nature-based

EGGSTRAVAGANZA focuses on educating the children about this process while providing a FUN egg-hunt activity!

EGGSTRAVAGANZA is set to invade the historic area on Wednesday, March 23. You don't want to miss this opportunity to visit Frogshackle Nature Center for some hands-on nature activities or the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum to see some real baby peeps hatching for the spring! Of course, you also don't want to miss your chance to hunt for eggs in the historic area among the trees, historic outbuildings and barns, wells, and ground cover.

This year's event starts at 10 AM and is for ages 2-10 years. The 2 yr. olds will hunt for eggs with their parents starting at 10:15 AM. All other children will be hunting for eggs **ON THEIR OWN THIS YEAR**; no adults will be able to go with the kids. The 3-4 yr. olds will hunt at 10:45 AM; the 5-6 yr. olds will search for their eggs at 11:15 AM. Lastly, the 7-10 yr. olds will hunt for their eggs at 11:45 AM. The rain date for

this event is Thursday, March 24; all times are the same. Children must supply their own basket or bag to carry their eggs.

You must pre-register for this event no later than March 22; supplies and space are limited for this event, so don't delay your registration. The cost to participate is \$5/child, and the program number is 361712.

Join us for this educational and FUN egg-hunt in historic Claude Moore Park!



ON YOUR MARK! GET SET! GOOOOOOO!

250th Commemoration of the French And Indian War: Saturday, April 2

Also coming your way is a fantastic event that's a one-of-its-kind. In 1755, General Edward Braddock sent troops along "Braddock's Road" on their way to Fort Duquesne in what is now Pittsburgh; these troop movements were part of the beginning of the French and Indian War.

This year commemorates the 250th

anniversary of this war. "Braddock's Road" is also known as Vestals Gap Road, and Claude Moore Park has the last remaining part of this road, 6/10ths of a mile to be exact. On Sat., April 2, the park will be sponsoring the **250th Commemoration of the French and Indian War Tent Encampment along Vestals Gap Road** from 9 AM-2 PM.

This will be a living history event, and participants will learn about the 44th and 48th Regiments of Foot, the Virginia Companies, Daniel Boone, Charlotte Brown, and much more. Please join us as we take a look back at an important part of history.

Parking is FREE, and the admission fee is \$2/person.



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Each month, Claude Moore Park would like to recognize a volunteer who donates much of his or her spare time for program assistance, special event help, or other projects as needed.



This month, we'd like to spotlight **Karen Kolosvary**. Karen has family ties to the Lanesville House, located within Claude Moore Park's historic district. Karen is the great-great-great granddaughter of Keturah Lane Keene and John Keene. John and Keturah Keene operated the Lanesville House as an ordinary and post office. John Keene died as a young man; Keturah remarried Benjamin Bridges and their family owned the home until the 1940s when the home was sold to Dr. Claude Moore. The preservation of this house and the entire historic district within the park is very

important to Karen.

To assist Karen with this preservation effort, she has been a member of the Friends of Claude Moore Park Advisory Board for the past six years; she has served as a general member, treasurer, vice-president, and acting president. Events that she has assisted park staff with include the unveiling of the National Historic Register plaque at the Lanesville House, Ol' Fashioned July 4th Festival, Fall Festival, and Holiday In The Park.

Karen also enjoys golf, sewing, crafts, scrapbooking, and traveling. She enjoys volunteering at the park because "this land and house belonged to my family and I like the idea of knowing that they were here years ago, and I want to see that their history is preserved...."

If you would like to volunteer at Claude Moore Park, please contact us at 703-444-1275.

Upcoming special events or programs that you don't want to miss!

If you have a pre-schooler, why don't you give our pre-school classes a try this spring? Most of our pre-school classes run on Mondays and Thursdays, and this spring's topics include **Animal Senses** (#361106), **Spring To Life** (#361110), **Frogs and Toads** (#361116), **Flowers for Mom** (#361118), **Creepy Critters** (#361122), **Terrific Turtles** (#361128), and much more.

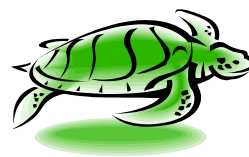


If you have an elementary-age student (6-10 yrs.) who loves history and the outdoor world, give our **Colonial Kids School Break Camp** (#361203) a try! Participants can experience the life of a colonial kid. Hike where George Washington traveled, try some old-fashioned cooking, games, and make an old-fashioned craft. Immerse yourself in this day-long camp to see what life was like in 1700s. This camp is scheduled for Monday, April 11, from 9 AM-3 PM.



Also coming up during one of the school breaks is Claude Moore Park's **Spring Break Nature Camp** (#361201) for 6-

10 yr. olds. Join the park's staff as you explore, experiment, and craft while discovering frogs and tadpoles, birds and eggs, and other things that make nature special in the spring. Get outside and discover your environment on Monday, March 21 from 9 AM-3 PM.



For the adults, Claude Moore Park is offering the 2nd season of the **Vestal's Gap Walking Club**. The club will kick-off



the spring season with its first walk on Wednesday, March 30 at 6 PM. The first session will include discussion of walk times, the park's roads and trails, and a group walk. This club is FREE and open to anyone who is 18 or older. If you plan to join the club, please contact the park and put your name on the list; no other registration is necessary. Wear appropriate shoes as the trails can be muddy and wet in the spring.

The spring is also filled with many other great programs. For more information, please contact the park at 703-444-1275.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity in 2005, Claude Moore Park has the project for you!

First, Claude Moore Park has scheduled a **Spring Trail/Park Clean-Up Day** for Saturday, April 16 from 8 AM-12 PM.

Volunteers and staff will do a major trash pick-up throughout the park, conduct some trail maintenance, and cultivate the park's gardens. This event will be one of four clean-ups required for the Adopt-A-Trail members, so we're hoping that each group will send a few representatives. Also, if any students are in need of school volunteer hours or if you or your group would like to volunteer, please join us. From 8-8:30 AM, we'll conduct a safety and equipment use orientation, and then we'll divide into teams; each team will have a full-time park staff member to direct their work. Please join us; we need your help! To sign-up, please contact the park at 703-444-1275.



Second, students can volunteer at the park by becoming part of the **Summer Naturalist Intern** program. Teenagers, ages 13-18, who enjoy being outdoors are encouraged to apply for volunteer positions. Applications

will be accepted until May 20. Interns will receive training in nature study, outdoor safety, stewardship, habitat restoration, sharing nature with children, park history, and park regulations. Call the park for your application!

Third, you can also volunteer by joining the **Friends of Claude Moore Park Advisory Board**. This 501c3 volunteer group supports the park's events, staff, and programs through many avenues. This group has done fundraising, event staffing, and advocacy with local government. The next meeting of the Friends of Claude Moore Park is March 9 at 7 PM at the Visitor Center in the park. Please join us for a meeting to see what the group is all about!

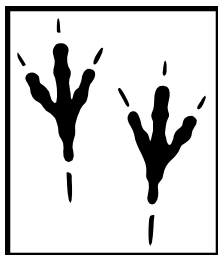
Lastly, **Claude Moore Park is recruiting volunteers to become docents** for the Lanesville House, the park's historic property. A docent is a specially-trained volunteer who will provide tours and historical interpretation to the public. We're looking for docents with a love of history to volunteer as a way to ensure that the house remains open to the public. Special training will be available, and becoming a docent does require some learning on the docent's part. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact us. We are gearing up for 2005 events and would love to have you as a part of our volunteer team!

Come learn in the Visitor Center Interpretive Room

New! Claude Moore Park has added monthly themes at the Visitor Center Interpretive Room.

Explore a different nature or history theme each month at the Visitor Center. Displays will include photographs, hands-on activities, natural artifacts, featured books, puzzles, experiments and more.

March's theme is "Tracks." Identify animals of the park by their tracks; look



for rabbits, squirrels, deer, geese, turtles, foxes, and more. Make tracks yourself! Upcoming monthly themes include Seeds, Frogs, and Fish.



Visitor Center Interpretive Room

Calling all Arts & Crafts Vendors

Do you make and sell jewelry? Do you carve wood and sell your carvings? Do you sculpt pottery and sell your wares? If so, then Claude Moore Park is looking for you. The park is hosting the 1st Annual Autumn Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, September 10, 2005.

Claude Moore Park is approximately 30 miles from Washington, DC and Frederick, MD, in the heart of Northern Virginia's shopping district, and close to Route 7, the Capital Beltway, the Dulles Greenway, and Route 28.



This outdoor show will run 10 AM-4 PM; vendors will be allowed to set-up starting at 7:30 AM. Event clean-up will run from 4:15-7:30 PM. For \$20, vendors will be provided with an assigned 10 x 10 area; vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, and tents. This event will be held rain or shine. Vendors will be able to park at their selling location. LIMITED electricity is available for \$10; at this time, the park is limiting electricity to food vendors.

Spaces will be pre-assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. A final confirmation packet will be sent two weeks prior to the show detailing directions, a park map, and grounds information including each vendor's location. Admission to the public is FREE.

Please visit www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm and go to the park's special event section; vendors can download an application from this site.

Please contact Claude Moore Park at 703-444-1275 for more information about this arts & craft show!